Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 18, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Block 430 represents an event that precipitates the end of a standby resource being available at the destination computer 212. Such an event at block 430 may include expiration of a contracted or otherwise timed allowance. Namely, a count internal to the brokerage computer 16 may indicate that the newly allowed availability of a standby resource should be relinquished. Another exemplary event at block 430 may include a request from a destination or source computer requiring standby resource availability to be recalled. In any case, the event is recorded at 432 and a new activation code may be generated and sent to the (previous) destination computer 212 at block 433 of Fig. 5. In turn, the broker computer 16 will receive a signature from the previous destination computer 212 confirming that availability to the standby resources has been relinquished at block 434. The entitlement database is updated ~~back at block 426~~ in anticipation of receiving a subsequent request at block 402.

Please replace the paragraphs beginning at page 19, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraphs:

More particularly, a destination computer 212 at block 502 of Fig. 6 may recognize a need for additional resources in order to accomplish an elevated workload, for instance. Where ~~that~~ the destination computer 212 has no standby resources available at block 504, then the destination computer 212 ~~222~~ may initiate generation of an activation code at block 506 for removing availability. An exemplary activation, or deactivation code may include an instruction that is readable by the source computer 222. The deactivation code sent at block 508 is received and processed at block 510. Such processing may include determining the number of

standby resources for which the destination computer 212 would have made available.

At block 512 of Fig. 6, it is determined if the source computer 212 ~~222~~ can relinquish availability to the requested number of standby entitlements. Namely, it is determined at block 512 if the source computer 222 has resources available for transfer. Where the source computer 222 cannot transfer entitlements, the destination computer 212 may receive a failure signal at block 516 that has been generated at block 514. Alternatively, the source computer 222 will relinquish access to the standby resources at block 518 where appropriate. The source computer 222 may further generate a signature at block 520 in response to and evidencing the relinquishment.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 19, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

In practice, an on demand transfer website application may be used to request a downgrade of ~~access~~ excess capacity on a source computer 222 so that it may be transferred to another, destination computer 212. This destination computer 212 may have standby capacity that has not been enabled. As such, access to the standby resource may be enabled to accomplished an elevated work requirement. The website application may access an entitlement database to credit the source machine 222 an amount equal to the number of standby resources for which it relinquished access. The website application then generates an activation code that reduces the source computer's standby resource entitlement. An activation code, or enablement key is used to disable standby resources of the source computer 222 such that they become automatically available for use to the destination computer 212 upon receipt of the activation code. When this activation code is entered on the source machine 222, the standby resources available to the source computer are reduced. A credit signature

generated by the source computer 222 is sent to the website application to verify that the downgrade has been accomplished. The website then generates and sends an activation code to the destination machine 212 that causes a corresponding number of standby resources to be made available to the destination machine. In this manner, an embodiment of the present invention programmatically transfers entitlement to standby resources as between different computer applications.